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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients will receive enhanced benefits

(Sewell, NJ)—The New Jersey Department of Human Services have issued new benefits for many residents who currently receive food assistance through the NJ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NJ SNAP).

NJ SNAP recipients will receive an extra benefit payment on Sunday, March 29, 2020, and going forward their benefits will be higher in April to address critical good needs related to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Gloucester County Division of Social Services will assist any resident with questions or concerns regarding their benefits and how they may be changing.

“We want every family to be able to put food on their tables during this time,” Freeholder Director Robert M. Damminger. “Many of our SNAP recipients include elderly or disabled individuals, which are particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus. The additional benefits will allow them to purchase more food and stay inside.”

Supplemental benefits will be directly loaded to NJ SNAP recipients’ Families First EBT cards. These supplements will be in addition to standard monthly benefits. Households eligible for the NJ SNAP supplemental benefit will receive the difference between their regular SNAP benefit and the maximum benefit for their family size. These supplements will be in addition to standard monthly benefits.

“Access to SNAP benefits right now is crucial,” said Freeholder Jim Jefferson, liaison to the Division of Social Services, said. “I want to encourage anyone who is struggling to reach out to Gloucester County’s Division of Social Services.”

If you need to apply for SNAP benefits, visit www.NJHelps.org.

To contact Gloucester County’s Division of Social Services, please call (856) 582-9200 or visit www.gloucestercountynj.gov.

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